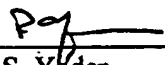


REMARKS

Claims 1-52 have been canceled without prejudice. New claims 53-81 have been added. Consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (281) 970-4545.

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